

New Retail Clerks Union Looms Here

INDUSTRIAL IRON CURTAIN RAISED AT PLANNING MEET

'Seek Re-zoning of 55-acre Tract

Protesting what they call the "Industrial Iron Curtain," a group of prominent Torrance citizens last Wednesday night asked the Planning Commission to grant a request for the re-zoning of a 55-acre tract of land lying south of Sepulveda blvi. and east of Hawthorne blvd.

MOOSE CLUB INSTALLATION SET SUNDAY

A capacity crowd of well-wishers is expected to be on hand for the annual installation of officers of the Torrance Lodge Loyal Order of Moose to be presented at the lodge hall, 1744 Carson st., Sunday, April 26th, at 2 p.m. Joseph Platt, public relations director, announced today.

Second Term

Governor-elect Dan Desmond will be installed by George Powell, junior past-governor of the lodge, immediately following the swearing-in of the junior officers. He will succeed Marvin MacArthur, present governor of the local fraternity. Desmond will be sworn in for his second, but not successive, term as the highest officer in the Torrance lodge.

Other officers to be installed are O. W. Sawyer, junior governor; Dan Hutchinson, finance officer; Carl Fisher, prelate; and Harry T. Green, trustee.

Appointments

The in-coming governor has announced the appointment of Jas. Johnson as club steward and secretary, George Powell, civic affairs chairman, Frank Bell ritual chairman, and Joe Platt, public relations director.

GP Worker Dies After Plant Mishap

A second man died this week as the result of severe burns received in an accident at the General Petroleum refinery on April 6, it was reported by Torrance police.

The man, Burton Holman, 34, died Monday at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, where he was taken following the incident at the plant.

Hits Power Lines

Holman and Charles J. Cunningham were repairing a storage tank on the local oil refinery when a steel pipe they were disconnecting fell against high tension lines.

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ALVIN J. MCCOWN
... Noble Shriner



MICKEY EISSA
... President

Shriners Plan Dinner and Dance Saturday Evening

Alvin J. McCown, noble of the El Toga Shrine Club, and Mickey Eissa, president of the club, will be honored guests Saturday night when the El Toga and Acacia Shriners stage a joint dinner-dance meeting at the Western Club Cafe, 15516 S. Western ave.

A social hour will be held from 6:30 to 7:30, to be followed by dinner and a floor show, according to Eissa. The rest of the evening will be devoted to dancing.

According to the president, Noble McCown will be in charge of the floorshow, which he promises will be "really first rate."

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NOT REALLY, GEORGE!—Caron-Dominguez Area Rotary Club member George Messner displays his namesake, club membership mascot "George," who turned out to be "Georgette". Messner, who was the first recipient of the duck for failing to attend a club meeting, was quite surprised by the sudden switch, but "Georgette" looks a trifle bored with the whole thing, and probably wonders why she can't be left alone with her egg.

Savings and Loan Firm Organized

Dr. Alden W. Smith, this week announced the formation of a savings and loan organization here to be known as the Torrance Savings and Loan Association.

Application to establish the firm has been filed with the state department of building and loan commission. Papers of incorporation have similarly been filed with the state, Dr. Smith disclosed.

Directors of the association are Dr. J. H. Hull, Von M. Bergen, Donald Armstrong and B. T. Whitney. Dr. Smith is the association's president.

The savings and loan institution is designed to finance new construction in this city and to finance existing structures, the president said. He further disclosed that there will be \$200,000 worth of guarantee stock available soon after the state approves the application.

Egg Hastens Re-naming of Rotary Duck

When is George not George? When he's Georgette.

Members of the Caron-Dominguez Area Rotary found that out rather abruptly recently, when their membership mascot, a duck they had named "George," laid an egg at their Thursday luncheon meeting.

The little web-foot becomes the property and responsibility of any Rotary Club member who misses a meeting and fails to make it up. The delinquent Rotarian must bring the mascot to each meeting until he can pass it on to another meeting miser.

First keeper of the duck was George Messner, for whom the bird was quickly named. Messner passed "George" along to the next absent member.

It wasn't until very recently, though, that George's true nature was revealed—he laid the infamous egg—and he became a she, rechristened Georgette.

BITES HELD FOR KEITH W. JONES

Funeral rites were conducted yesterday for Keith Washington Jones, 58-year-old former Torrance resident and businessman, who died Saturday at Gardena Hospital.

Rev. Arthur Bello of St. Andrews Episcopal Church conducted the services at Stone and Myers Chapel. Interment followed at Green Hills Cemetery.

A native of Alpine, Utah, Mr. Jones lived in Torrance from 1942 to 1952. He was associated with the Torrance Materials Co. until last year, when he moved to Palmdale.

Pallbearers

Active pallbearers at the service yesterday were Bob Haggard, Dean Sears, Dr. Howard A. Wood, Chan Chandler, Smith Swords and Gil Morris. Honorary pallbearers were Sam Levy, Dolph Study, Thomas Watson, Charles Dodd, Harry Davis, Elmer Myers, Ernest Carpenter, Angus McVickers, Sam B. Anderson and Allan W. Thurston.

Survivors

He is survived by his wife, Rose M. Jones; a daughter, Rose E.

Educational Group to Investigate Recreation

A joint city-school recreation program for this city will be the topic of discussion at the next Torrance Educational Advisory Committee meeting, set for noon on Monday, May 11.

Local Pilot Killed in Bay Crash

Captain Robert Clark, 35, of 4830 Reese Road was killed, together with eight others, when the Western Airlines passenger plane which he was piloting crashed into the icy waters of San Francisco Bay Monday night, it was disclosed.

The DC6B plane crashed on a short flight from San Francisco to Oakland shortly after unloading 43 of its 49 passengers at the San Francisco airport.

The captain had been with Western Airlines 13 years.

Clark, who came to Torrance from Salt Lake City in February of this year, was married. He is survived by his widow, Mary, and two children, Susan Gayle, 2½, and Bessy Anne, 11 months, who followed Clark to Torrance six weeks ago.

The pilot's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Elliot Clark, and his brother, J. F. Clark, live in Salt Lake City, as does the deceased's grandmother, Dr. Francis Elliot Clark.

1 Hour Vanishes

Those who are up with the birds Sunday morning might take a minute's time out to set the clock AHEAD one hour at 2 A.M. as the switch-over from Standard time to Daylight Saving Time is made for this year.

Some people will of course cheat the clock by making the adjustment before going to bed Saturday night or when they wake up around noon Sunday.

But whatever you do, you'll be up with the birds again from now on.

REMOVAL OF TIDWELL AS LEADER HIT

In the face of the determined control of Clerks Union Local 905 by the Clerks International officers, two members of the local yesterday circulated through the United States mails a statement to all members, signed "Committee for Defense of Local 905 and Haskell Tidwell," critical of the international union officers and local members who brought charges which resulted in removal of Tidwell as secretary-treasurer of the union last week.

Tidwell, tried by a board of five members named several weeks ago, was found guilty on charges which, according to international officers, bar him from holding office in the union. The findings of the trial committee were confirmed 251 to 181 last Thursday night by the union membership, it was reported.

Appropriate Action

Asked for comment on the letter, Elia Mossoso, international deputy supervisor in charge of the union, denied comment, but said: "Appropriate action will be taken at the proper time against any persons who may have or in the future may libel and slander any of the officers or members of Retail Clerks International Association or of Local 905."

New Union

Meanwhile, there was talk among clerks in Torrance, Lomita and Gardena of forming a separate clerks' union, or affiliating with another already formed group of clerks which has gained jurisdiction in several California cities during the past year.

Bad Checks Flood Area, Police Say

Torrance merchants were this week warned of a vicious ring of phony check passers operating in this area by Det. Sgt. Percy Bennett of the Torrance Police dept.

Speaking before the businessmen at the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, Bennett urged them to take special caution in accepting checks from strangers. He declared that a ring of "paper hangers" that operates up and down the California coast recently struck Torrance merchants, passing a check for \$69 in a local liquor store.

The bad check artists in the ring are highly skilled, using good equipment to print fictitious payroll checks against various companies, some in the Torrance area, Sgt. Bennett said. The checks, he asserted, are typewritten, counter-signed, and overprinted with a check protector.

Los Angeles police have apprehended two suspects, but many of the ring-members are still operating here, he added.

Among the checks to be watched for are payroll checks drawn against American Can Co., General Engineering Co., Crane Vevor Corp., Rich Steel Co., Gabriel Box and Carton Co., Victor Electronic Co., and the Johnson Testor Corp., according to the detective.

Plan Dinner for New Supervisor

Fourth District Supervisor Burton Chace will be guest of honor at a Chamber of Commerce-sponsored dinner tentatively set for Wednesday, April 29, according to William Zoeller, chairman of the event.

Plans are being made to invite all top city officials and civic leaders to the function which will be held at the Fish Shanty, Zoeller said. He is being assisted by Dean Sears and Reed Parkin with preparations for the event.

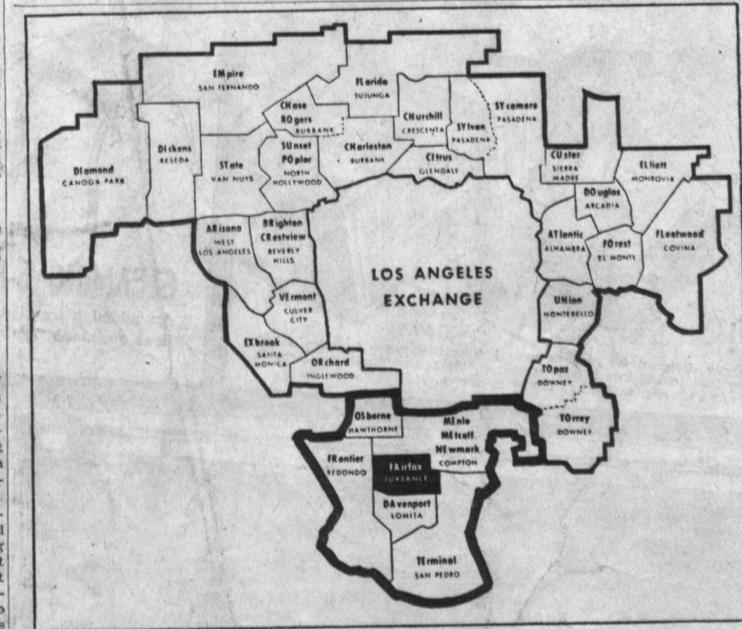
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"Would you believe it — beds, davenport, heater, vanity, and chest of drawers were sold within an hour after the paper was out! And only one little ad did it!" said Mrs. Clarence Dick of 23705 Panama Ave.

Her successful ad which appeared in the Torrance Press last week read as follows:

TWIN BEDS, Springs & Innerspring mattresses, nearly new; chest of drawers, vanity — also davenport, fuel circulating htr, upright piano. Call after 5 p.m. TE. 40886.

Whatever it is you want—selling, swapping, buying, renting, or leasing—you, too, can have the same swift results as Mrs. Dick by simply placing an ad in the Torrance Press Classifieds. Call Torrance 1185.



NEW DIAL AREA—Prefixes which can be dialed from Torrance extended service telephones after the new dial communications system is established next month are shown in above map. Local exchange is in black, while the extended service area is enclosed in the heavy border. The remaining map area shows the wide-range dialing points, available for extended service subscribers, except those on four-party lines and pay telephones. Rate charges for distance calls remain the same.

New Extended Dial Service Ready Here

Torrance telephone users will be able to dial directly to more than 1,704,000 telephones in 30 exchanges in Los Angeles county when the new dial system goes into operation here on May 31.

District Manager Robert G. Yetter of Pacific Telephone pointed out that wide-range dialing will be available for all extended service subscribers, except those on four-party lines and pay telephones. Yetter pointed out that charges for calls made to distant points will remain the same even though the calls can be dialed directly.

School Dance

There will be dancing to the music of Manuel Bugara's "Bop Hawks" for students from Torrance high school tomorrow night at the YWCA, 8 to 11:30 p.m. Proceeds from the Band Ball will go toward a uniform fund for the Torrance high school band.